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EVERY YEAR, OUR STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMS embark on journeys that change their lives forever. They enroll in global immersion courses, participate in research trips or join pilgrimages, knowing that this time away from what is familiar will challenge their way of thinking. One of them, Honors scholar Marianna Porras '18, says that her weeks spent in Brazil and Argentina examining the dichotomy of "poverty and privilege" in those two countries has left her reflecting on the things she has taken for granted.

While describing her experience in Le Puy, France, home of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Caitlyn Keeve '20 writes, "In many ways, this pilgrimage was a gift." I understand that sentiment deeply. I have visited Le Puy several times now with faculty, staff and friends of our University to follow the footsteps of our founders. Each trip leaves me humbled and inspired. To visit the places where the founding Sisters of St. Joseph once lived — where they prayed, where they taught women a life-empowering skill, and where they dreamed of a community of love and service — is truly a precious opportunity.

Our CSJ Institute, led by director Shannon Green, is working on preserving the gifts the CSJs offer all of us so that we might share them with as many in our community as possible. But our work in spreading the legacy of our founders doesn't stop there. After a year of filming and editing, the CSJ Institute has released a series of videos documenting the oral history of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The videos feature sisters who talk about their calling, CSJ charism, the past and future of the congregation, and the legacy they are leaving behind. It is an important body of work, one that shows our commitment as a University to living in the spirit of our founders.

I hope you enjoy reading about the CSJ Institute project, the pilgrimage to Le Puy, and the study abroad experiences we feature in this issue. These are just few of the many wonderful things happening at Mount Saint Mary's. I am grateful you are part of this amazing journey!

Sincerely,

Ann McElaney-Johnson

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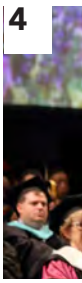

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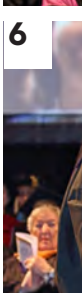

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COMMENCEMENT SNAPSHOTS

THIS PAST MAY, MOUNT SAINT MARY'S CELEBRATED the graduation of more than 1,000 students from the University's traditional baccalaureate program, Graduate Division, Weekend/Evening College and associate degree program.

On May 4, the community gathered for Graduate Commencement at the Los Angeles Convention Center to welcome more than 250 new members into the Mount Alums community. The day's Commencement address was delivered by Provost Robert Perrins, PhD.

The Undergraduate Commencement ceremonies on May 7 began with a Graduation Mass that included a procession from the Mount's Doheny Campus to St. Vincent de Paul Church. Later that afternoon, the University celebrated at L.A.'s Shrine Auditorium, in honor of the more than 750 students receiving bachelor's and associate's degrees. The Undergraduate Commencement speaker was Va Lecia Adams Kellum, PhD, CEO and president of the St. Joseph Center in Los Angeles.

Watch video highlights at msmsu.edu/magazine.

That day, Mount Saint Mary's also awarded the Carondelet Medal — the greatest honor extended by the University — to two longtime members of the Mount community: Father George O'Brien, who came to Mount Saint Mary's in 1976 and serves as associate professor of English and University chaplain; and Bernadette Gonzaque Robért '77, an alumna whose 35-year career at the Mount includes her current role as associate vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion.

On these pages are scenes from those two days: (1) students lining up at the Los Angeles Convention Center; (2) start of procession for Graduation Mass; (3) candle-lighting ceremony during Mass; (4) Commencement speaker Va Lecia Adams Kellum at the Shrine Auditorium; (5) faculty waiting for the processional; (6) Carondelet Medal honoree Bernadette Robert '77; (7) the tassel ceremony; (8) families celebrating.

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$2 MILLION GRANT FROM RIORDAN FOUNDATION FUNDS NURSING PROGRAMS

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, which pioneered the first Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in California in 1948, has been awarded a $2 million grant from the Riordan Foundation to fund the future of nursing education.

Created by former Los Angeles mayor and civic and business leader Richard J. Riordan, the Riordan Fund for the Future of Nursing Education will provide significant financial support for MSMU's efforts to advance nursing education and help modernize the healthcare industry, in part through innovative health and wellness programs.

"The University's dedication to increasing the number of culturally competent and highly skilled nurses is truly remarkable and perfectly aligned with the mission of the Riordan Foundation," said Riordan, founder and president of the foundation. "We believe that this partnership will have a significant impact on the lives of students and on the community for many years to come."

The Riordan Fund for the Future of Nursing Education will provide financial support for up to 48 student scholarships over the next three years and expand opportunities for undergraduate nursing majors to conduct research and offer clinical services to disadvantaged communities, including international service trips. In addition, the grant will fund the development and implementation of a fully online BSN and RN-to-BSN programs. It will also support the Mount Wellness movement's Healthy Healthcare Provider initiative, which focuses on building resilience among the Mount's healthcare majors.

GETTING WOMEN READY TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

▲ ACCORDING TO DATA REPORTED in the Mount's 2018 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California™, women account for 22 percent of the state legislature, 26 percent of county supervisors and 31 percent of city council members. Nationally, women fill only 19 percent of seats in the U.S. Congress.

On April 28, about 150 emerging women leaders gathered with a shared mindset to change those statistics. The women were participating in Ready to Run®, a nonpartisan campaign training for women, presented by the Mount's Center for the Advancement of Women and the political science department. The program featured politicians, appointed officials, campaign strategists and communications experts who shared their expertise in workshops designed to prepare women to run for office, position themselves for appointed roles, work on a campaign or otherwise get involved in public service. Sessions ranged from learning the nuts and bolts of getting a campaign off the ground to how-to talks on the art of political fundraising, securing endorsements and communicating effectively. A panel discussion on conquering the media, *above*, featured Emmy Award-winning on-air pros Kyung Lah, a senior national correspondent for CNN; Elizabeth Espinosa, KTLA-5 reporter and KFI radio show host; and Myrka Dellanos, former Univision news anchor and TV host.

PARTNERSHIP TO PROPEL CHANGEMAKERS

▼ TAKE THE LEAD, A NONPROFIT DEDICATED TO GENDER PARITY in leadership by 2025, believes it is possible for 50 women to radically transform the realm of media and entertainment — and the University is partnering with the group to advance its efforts.

This spring, Take The Lead's four-month intensive leadership and movement-building program empowered a cohort of "50 Women Who Can Change the World in Media and Entertainment."

The trainings took place at the Doheny Campus and provided emerging women leaders (selected through a nomination process) with real-world tools, skill-building exercises and connections that will help create a network of leaders across the industry.

Nicole Haggard, PhD, *at left*, assistant professor of film, media & communication at Mount Saint Mary's, was one of the women selected to participate in the initial cohort. Haggard founded the Center for Women in Hollywood and serves on the board of the Center for Restorative Works. She also co-authored a paper in this year's *Collectif* journal on "Women in Hollywood: The Ongoing Fight for Equality."

DEGREE WITH A GUARANTEE

◀ MOUNT SAINT MARY'S IS PROUD TO BE AMONG the private colleges and universities in California now offering guaranteed admission to students from the state's community colleges who complete an Associate in Arts for Transfer or Associate in Science for Transfer degree. The agreement between the California Community Colleges and the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) extends the "Degree with a Guarantee" program from the California State University system to AICCU member institutions.

The Mount began accepting applications in the fall semester for the following associate degrees for transfer: administration of justice (for a bachelor of science in criminology), psychology, business administration and sociology. Plans are under way to offer more pathways for transfer students.

NEW PROGRAMS INCLUDE ONLINE BACHELOR'S DEGREES

THE LIST OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS offered at the Mount just got a lot longer. Starting this fall, the Mount is offering two new online baccalaureate programs, its first bachelor of fine arts degree, and additional minors and specializations.

The online bachelor's degree in liberal arts, through Weekend/Evening College, provides the same quality course offerings as the traditional program but gives students the flexibility of schedule and location. The liberal arts major studies human societies, culture and history from the multiple perspectives of the humanities and the social sciences. Courses will be offered in eight-week formats in the fall and spring semesters, and six-week formats in the summer.

The nursing department has added a fully online RN to BSN program to its hybrid and traditional options. Designed so that nurses who already have associate degrees can continue to work while earning their bachelor of science in nursing degree, the program can be completed in as little as three semesters.

For aspiring commercial photographers who seek hands-on experience while learning technical and critical thinking skills, the University now offers them a BFA in professional photography. The program integrates liberal arts, ethics and professional business practices with a core photography and media production curriculum. Classes are held at Sunset Gower Studios in Hollywood, where the MFA in film, television & photography is also based.

The new minors in the undergraduate division are linguistics, music industry and global healthcare policy. The sociology department has added a youth and family counseling track.

Global healthcare policy is also a new specialization within the master of science in health policy and management program. The graduate religious studies program has started offering two new concentrations: contextual theology and the study of religions.

EMBEDDING CAREER GUIDANCE IN THE CURRICULUM

THE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN SELECTED to join an elite group of 26 U.S. institutions in the national Consortium for Instructional Excellence and Career Guidance, a new initiative that will prepare up to 500 faculty members to use evidence-based teaching practices shown to promote student success while embedding career guidance into their existing courses.

The Consortium's colleges and universities were chosen by the Council of Independent Colleges, in partnership with the Association of College and University Educators. The program is made possible by a $1.2 million grant from Strada Education Network, a national nonprofit dedicated to strengthening America's pathways between education and employment.

SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATE OF WOMEN

WHEN THE 2018 UNITED STATE OF WOMEN Summit convened in Los Angeles on May 5–6, Mount Saint Mary's was front and center as a community partner of this empowering gathering. The event brought together women and allies from across the country who know their energy and power will break down barriers that stand between women and full equality.

As part of the summit, the Mount's Doheny Campus hosted a series of film screenings on May 6, providing on-campus opportunities for students, faculty and staff, and the general public to get involved in the advancement of women. The screenings included discussions with filmmakers, activists and experts, including the University's Emerald Archer, PhD, director of the Center for the Advancement of Women, and Kim Kenny, associate vice president for institutional advancement.

CONVERSATIONS ON GENDER PARITY

▲ ON APRIL 26, MOUNT SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS joined in 50/50 Day, a global day to raise awareness of the need for a more gender-balanced approach to government, the workforce and other areas of public influence.

Students set up booths at both University campuses to engage other Athenians in discussions about the importance of gender parity, paths to achieving it and what students can do now to take action.

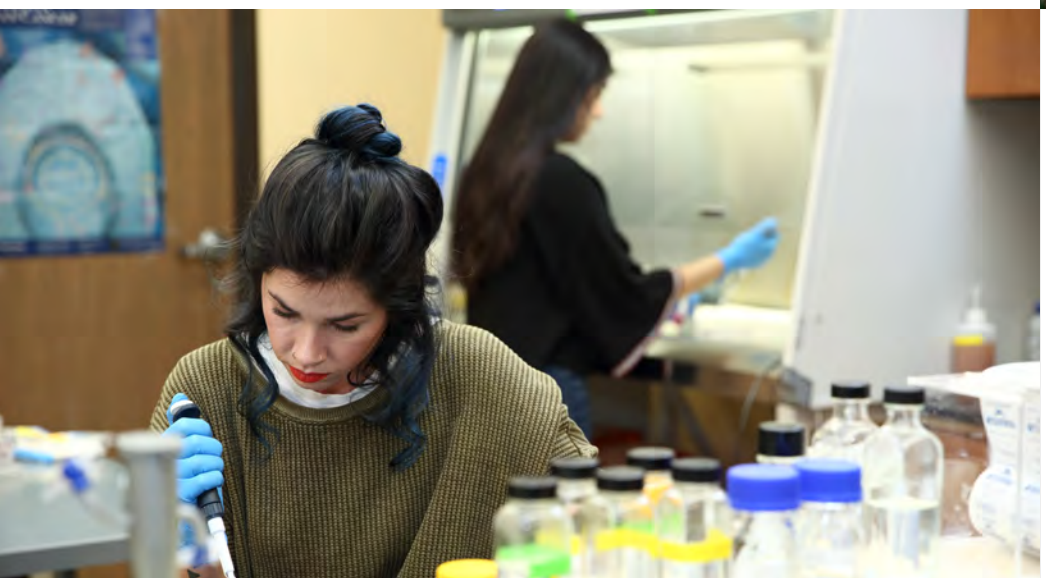
Caitlyn Keeve '20 organized the Chalon Campus conversations. "This was a great chance to talk about a variety of topics," she said. "Students particularly enjoyed talking about gender equity and representation in healthcare and law."

The student-driven events were part of a global day of conversation and action toward the #Gettingto5050 movement, an effort led by the Women in Public Service Project and Let It Ripple Studios to engage policymakers and gender parity champions in creating a more equitable world. Mount Saint Mary's is a partner of the Women in Public Service Project, and President Ann McElaney-Johnson serves on the WPSP's board of directors.

RESEARCH PROGRAM WINS STEM AWARD

▼ THE GLOBAL WOMEN AND STEM POLICY (GWSTEM) Undergraduate Research Training program received the 2018 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The award honors colleges and universities that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Mount Saint Mary's is featured, along with other recipients, in the September issue of the magazine.

GWSTEM is a cross-discipline, three-semester program open to students majoring in biology, chemistry, political science, healthcare policy and global politics. At the beginning of each cohort, students create their own small-group studies that explore interdiscplinary approaches to the cohort's larger research topic. For example, last year's main focus was breast cancer causes and effects in the U.S. and Peru, with students doing deeper dives into specific areas such as nutritional differences between the two countries and disparities in healthcare access. The experience culminates in a summer of global field research, which was held in Peru the past two years.



LIBRARIES GET SPECIAL SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIA

◀ THE FO GUANG SHAN HSI LAI TEMPLE selected Mount Saint Mary's University Libraries as one of the institutions to receive a 20-volume set of the Encyclopedia of Buddhist Arts, the first comprehensive compilation of Buddhist art from around the world.

The volumes were presented during a ceremony held on April 7 at the Hsi Lai Temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif. The ceremony included a presentation highlighting areas of particular interest in the encyclopedia, including how to use the reference books and an overview of the extensive editing process. The collection includes entries on architecture, caves and rock carvings, sculpture, painting, calligraphy, seal engraving, artifacts and decorative arts.

The Mount's set is now housed in the J. Thomas McCarthy Library at the Doheny Campus.

BUSINESS PROGRAMS GET ACCREDITATION

▲ IN JUNE, THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED accreditation for its business programs from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs' (ACBSP) Baccalaureate/Graduate Degree Board of Commissioners.

"This accreditation reflects the breadth and depth of our undergraduate and graduate business programs. We have excellent faculty and staff who are dedicated to upholding a top-quality, leading-edge, rigorous academic standard," says Lester C. Reams, PhD, assistant professor and ACBSP champion.

ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes within the undergraduate and graduate business programs meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP.

This achievement will be one of many that will be recognized during a celebration on Sept. 29 marking the MBA program's 10th anniversary. The guest of honor will be the program's founding director, Janet Robinson, PhD.

MOUNT WELLNESS

SERVING A NEW WAY TO DINE

WHERE STUDENTS EAT affects how they eat — that was the guiding principle behind the Chalon Campus cafeteria's major renovation project over the summer. The dining room is now more spacious with a light-filled open floor plan that makes room for expanded seating options. A new main entrance and relocated food stations improve the traffic flow throughout the space.

With wellness in mind, the menu has also been redesigned to include choices that promote healthy eating. Displays have been reconfigured so that healthier food items are more visible and easier to reach. Also, a new food station similar to a salad bar encourages students to create their own bowls with lean proteins, vegetables, whole grains, toppings and savory sauces.

WALKING PATH ON ITS WAY

THE DOHENY CAMPUS will soon get a scenic walking path as part of the University's "Move More" initiative. The 0.8-mile loop will start on the south lawn of the Doheny Mansion, run up and down Chester Place and St. James Park, and curve around the J. Thomas McCarthy Library, and the St. Joseph Administration and Student Services buildings.

The path is a component of the University's commitment to the Partnership for a Healther America to create an environment that encourages healthier choices on our campuses.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation, the path will open this fall.

KEEPING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS HEALTHY

► PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS have a new assignment on campus: help the healthcare providers stay healthy. This summer, as part of their clinical practicum, first-year students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program provided wellness assessments and training to Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing students. The DPT students gave tips on the importance of movement, nutrition and sleep, as well as best practices and on-the-job safety strategies for posture and body mechanics.

DPT students also provided wellness assessments to University staff to help them set and achieve their goals related to physical health. This wellness movement initiative will now be offered to the Mount community every summer.

"These programs were based on an experiential learning model that blends our whole body health and wellness curriculum with a service-based practical component," says Debbie Lowe, PhD, director and chair of the DPT program. "Students learn practical skills by providing motivational interviewing, goal setting, physical wellness assessments and intervention strategies, based on individual needs of clients from the University community."

Soon, DPT students will be instrumental in the health and safety of the Mount's student athletes through athletic readiness screenings and injury tracking. The DPT group will design team-wide training and conditioning, as well as individual-specific

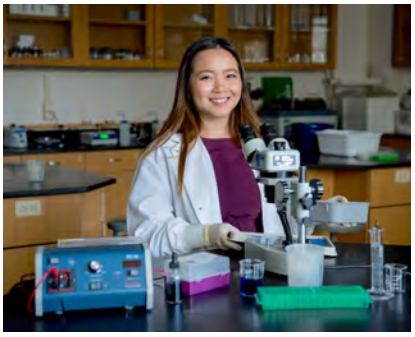
interventions, to prevent future injury or to mitigate the effects of current or previous injuries.

The integration of the clinical practicum's practical experiential learning component with department collaborations makes these wellness initiatives unique, says Dawn-Marie Ickes, assistant professor of physical therapy and wellness programming coordinator. "The idea is to build self-efficacy while learning about the needs of others within a given community by designing wellness-based interventions rooted in what is meaningful and necessary to that population."

WELLNESS IN THE LIBRARY

DOING RESEARCH AND STUDYING FOR HOURS inside the library no longer means being stuck in an uncomfortable seated position the entire time. With the new furniture installed inside the Doheny Campus library, students can stay on their feet when they choose the standing desks or standing desk converters, or burn some calories even while sitting down by using low-impact equipment such as an under-desk pedal exerciser.

The library received a mini-grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Pacific Southwest Region to purchase the new furniture. The grant also supported other wellness-related projects, such as promoting reliable medical resources for academic research and personal learning through librarian-led workshops.



UNIVERSITY WINS $1.3 MILLION GRANT TO BOOST STEM EDUCATION

▲ THE UNIVERSITY HAS RECEIVED a five-year, $1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) "Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions" program.

The prestigious grant — one of 31 supplied by the NSF nationwide, totaling $45 million in support — will supply the University with funding to build capacity and increase retention and graduation rates for students pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Mount Saint Mary's winning grant proposal, "Building Capacity of Women in STEM," was led by Jen Chotiner, PhD, chair of biological sciences. She was supported by her co-leads on the project: Xiaomei Cheng, PhD, associate professor of biological sciences; Paul Lee, PhD, assistant professor of physical sciences; and Lance Skidmore, PhD, chair of mathematics.

"The Building Capacity grant will have a very real impact on our student achievements both in the classroom and out in the world as professional women in STEM," said Chotiner. "It will help us to lay solid foundations in science and math, while also providing our students the tools and skills to build off those foundations on their path towards inspiring success."

FACULTY

Bryant Adibe, MD, chief wellness officer and assistant professor of physical therapy and health policy and management, will present at the annual Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities conference in Chicago in October. He will talk about the Mount's unique partnership with Westside Food Bank to address food insecurity on campus.

Emerald Archer, PhD, director of the Center for the Advancement of Women, moderated a Legalize Equality panel for the United State of Women conference in Los Angeles on May 6. She was also interviewed for Sarah Moshman's documentary, "Nevertheless," on May 18.

Julius Reder Carlson, PhD, assistant professor of music, participated in a roundtable discussion with Women in Music Festival speakers that aired March 22 on KPFK Pacifica Radio's Global Village program. Carlson spearheaded the inaugural Women in Music Festival, held March 25 on the Doheny Campus.

Betsaida Cruz-Coble and **Alyx Abel**, part-time instructors in the doctor of physical therapy program, were accepted to the distinguished Parkinson's Foundation Physical Therapy Faculty Program, which trains faculty leaders across the U.S. on improving care for Parkinson's patients.

The DPT program was in the spotlight on July 31 as the Evidence in Motion blog's "Program of the Week." Part-time instructors **Ben Cornell** and **Tiffany Preuschoff** were interviewed and shared insightful answers about the program.

Jackie Filla, PhD, associate professor of political science, is now the president of the Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women (LACSW). She gave the opening remarks and participated in a panel discussion during the 48th annual conference of the National Association for Commissions for Women on Aug. 1-4 in Los Angeles.

Stephen Inrig, PhD, associate professor and director of the health policy and management graduate program, and co-author Michael Merson presented their book "The Aids Pandemic: Searching for a Global Response" at the World Health Summit in Berlin, Germany, on March 14.

Luiza Nogaj, PhD, professor of biological sciences, and her students presented preliminary results of their diabetes and cancer research at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research in November and at the American Society for Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in San Diego in April.

Robert Sanchez, PhD, assistant professor of philosophy, published "Mexican Philosophy in the 20th Century: Essential Readings" as the inaugural volume of the Oxford New Histories of Philosophy series. He is also currently editing "An Introduction to Latin American and Latinx Philosophy."

Christine Marie Seitz '98 has been named director of the Mount's traditional bachelor of science in nursing program.

▲ **Ana Thorne '06, '08 MA**, PhD, part-time instructor in the humanities program, presented "Autonomy in times of Turmoil: What to Make of the Social" at the 13th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences at the University of Granada in Spain on July 25-27. The presentation explored the subject of cultural proficiency and the difference between racism and *racismo*.

"We are part of the sisters' story. This mantle is being handed on to all of us."

Shannon Green, director of the CSJ Institute

A legacy entrusted

The CSJ Institute's oral history project advances the stories and mission of Mount Saint Mary's founding sisters

By Phillip Jordan

TO BE A SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET (CSJ), means making a life-long commitment to a radical concept — a charism of unifying love. The beauty of the idea is that "unifying love" can be advanced in many different ways.

Sister Anne McMullen says the charism is about "finding God in the other person. It's respect for the dignity of people and empowering people to bring out their gifts." Sister Pat Krommer '57, '67 MA says the charism "opens a person to the enjoyment of people. It's community building." Sister Callista Roy '63 boils it down to this: "It's the spirit and soul that directs us."

Shannon Green, director of the University's CSJ Institute — which seeks to advance the mission and history of our CSJ founders — interprets the sisters' charism this way: "Everybody belongs and everybody has a place. That God's love is all-inclusive."

Green has a keen insight into the sisters' thinking. Over the past two years she has interviewed 55 sisters, producing more than 100 hours of footage — including the quotes above — that have been transcribed, indexed and made available to University faculty and students interested in researching the sisters' lives, ministries and history.

The CSJ Oral History Project is a collaboration between the CSJ Institute and the Mount's Department of Film, Media and Communication. Already, the project has produced 14 videos that reveal how the sisters entered religious life, how their community has evolved through the years, and what inspired them to create ministries focused on social justice and human rights, education, healthcare, domestic abuse, refugees and victims of human trafficking, prison reform, homelessness, peacebuilding and more.

The newest videos released this summer feature sisters' involvement in education, leadership and service, including a video spotlighting Sister Clare Dunn, the first and only CSJ to serve as an elected official. Going forward,

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the Institute plans to create one or two short documentaries a year, highlighting the sisters' various ministries.

The videos also capture moments of levity and joy, revealing the personalities, humor and humanity of the sisters. In a video introducing the project, behind-the-scenes footage shows the sisters preparing for their interviews, including having their makeup done by a professional stylist.

"The last time I did makeup was for my high school prom," Sister Celia DuRea '63 says in the video, laughing. "Senior prom, that was it!"

This is an invaluable project for a University where sisters have served as students, alumnae, presidents, trustees, professors, staff members and mentors. The project carries a sense of poignancy and urgency, too. As Green notes in one video: "We don't have many sisters working at Mount Saint Mary's University anymore. The average age of our sisters is around 80. This means it's time to hand this mission and charism on."

Thankfully, the sisters have long engaged partners in their work who are ready to carry the mission forward.

"Our charism is living through the people that are here with us, who celebrate their gifts through the work they do with our sisters," Sister Celia says in one video. "Even if our community doesn't make it through time, our love of God and our love of the dear neighbor will continue, through you. And I am very grateful."

"We are part of the sisters' story," Green says. "This mantle is being handed on to all of us — to advance the mission, to advance the charism, to serve all without distinction, to prepare for that 'more just future' the sisters have fought for."

Behind-the-scenes footage from the oral history project videos: Top, Sister Callista Roy '63 chats on camera with Shannon Green, director of the CSJ Institute; Sister Celia DuRea, above, gets her makeup done by a professional stylist before her interview.

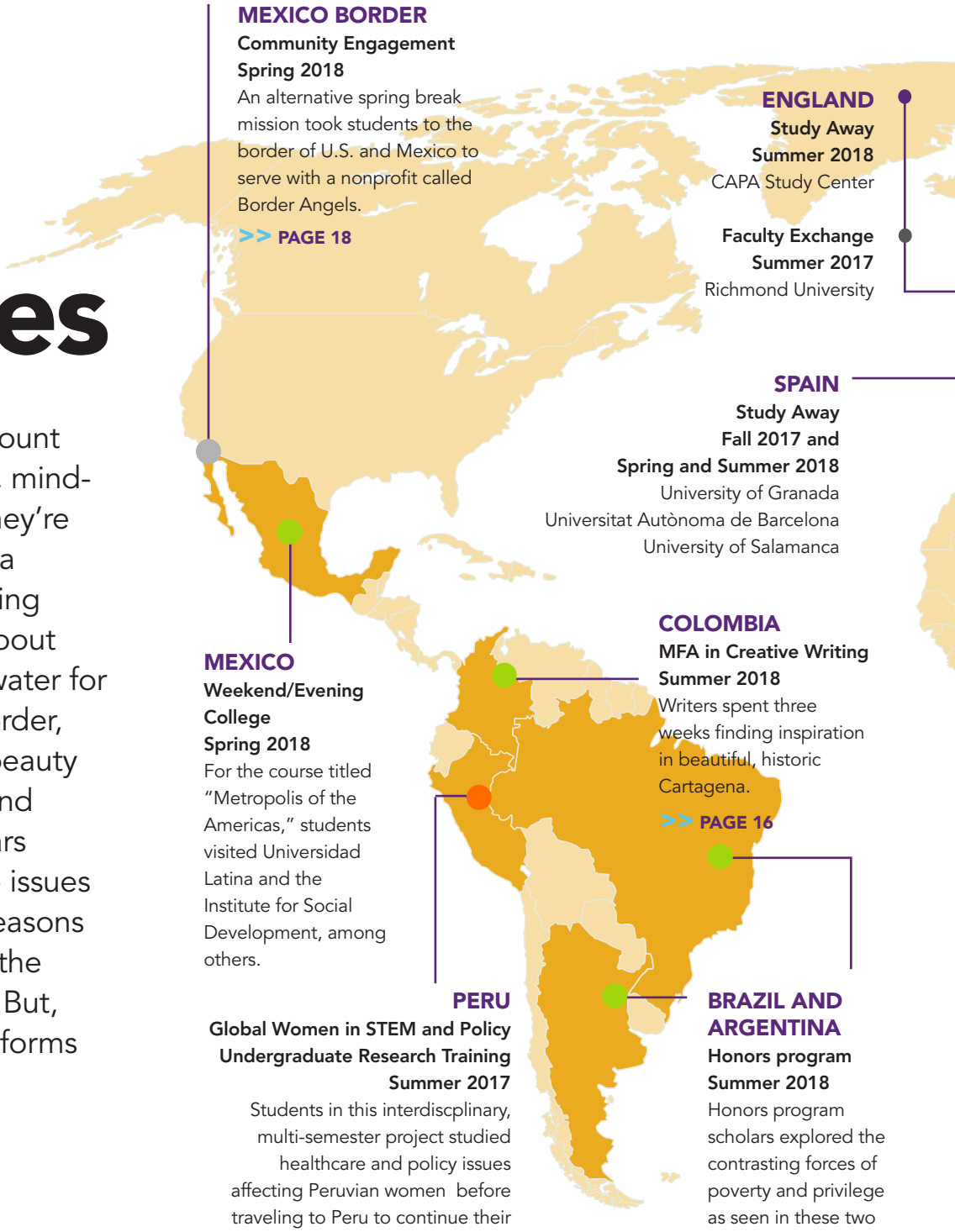
WATCH THE VIDEOS: MSMU.EDU/CSJINSTITUTE

READ MORE: An online extra about the MSMU filmmakers behind the CSJ Oral History Project. **MSMU.EDU/MAGAZINE**

Where in the world? Global experiences in 2017-2018

Bon voyages

Study abroad trips for Mount students are life-altering, mind-opening experiences. They're not just about spending a semester away or exploring a city's history. They're about servant leaders leaving water for migrants crossing the border, creatives capturing the beauty of a city through prose and photography, and scholars researching social justice issues in other countries. The reasons for travel are varied and the experiences are diverse. But, always, the journey transforms the traveler.



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An alternative spring break mission took students to the border of U.S. and Mexico to serve with a nonprofit called Border Angels.
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For the course titled "Metropolis of the Americas," students visited Universidad Latina and the Institute for Social Development, among others.

COLOMBIA
MFA in Creative Writing
Summer 2018
Writers spent three weeks finding inspiration in beautiful, historic Cartagena.
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PERU
Global Women in STEM and Policy Undergraduate Research Training
Summer 2017
Students in this interdiscplinary, multi-semester project studied healthcare and policy issues affecting Peruvian women before traveling to Peru to continue their research on cancer incidences and treatments.

BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA
Honors program
Summer 2018
Honors program scholars explored the contrasting forces of poverty and privilege as seen in these two countries.
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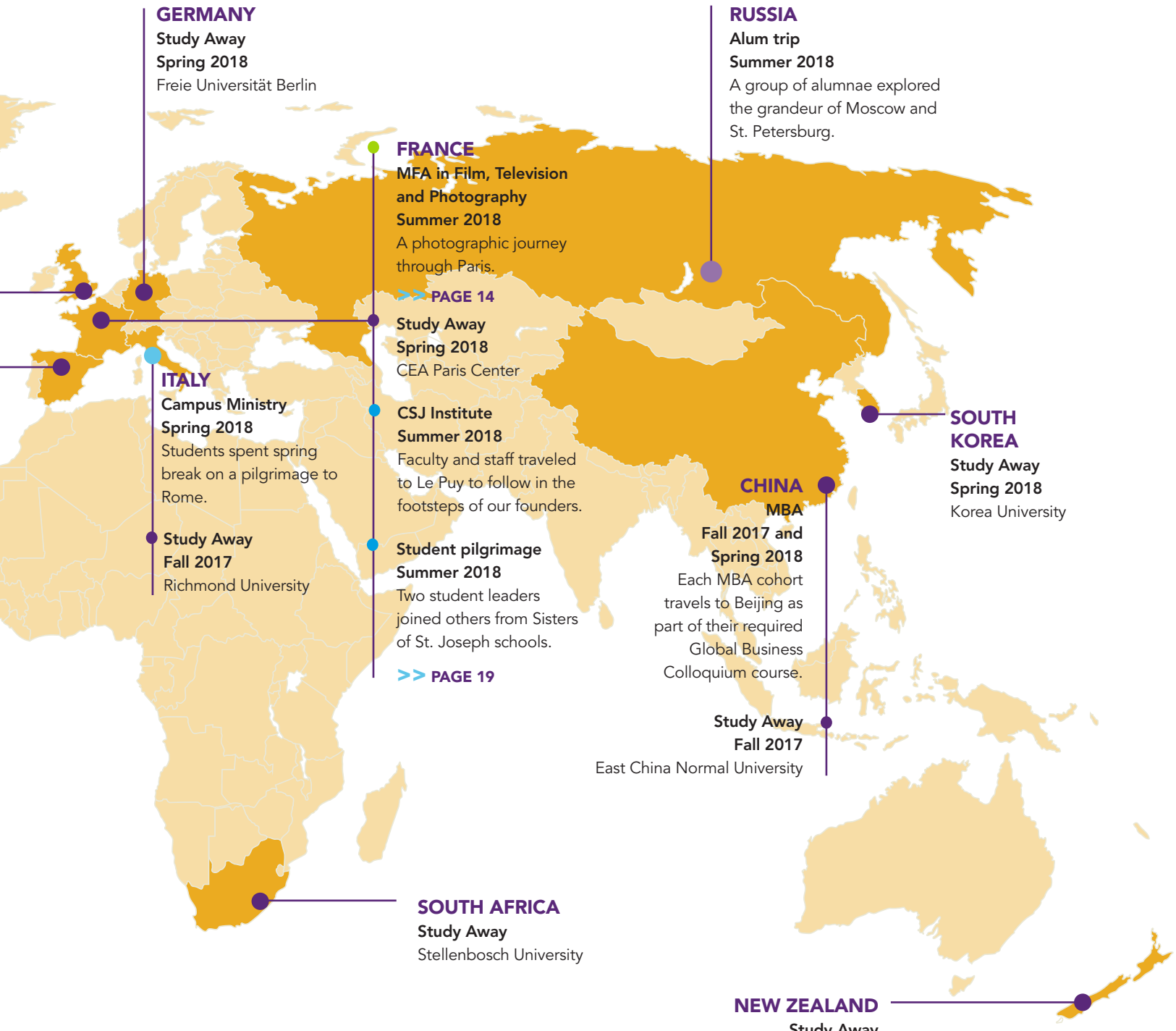
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Spring 2018
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A group of alumnae explored the grandeur of Moscow and St. Petersburg.
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A photographic journey through Paris.
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Faculty and staff traveled to Le Puy to follow in the footsteps of our founders.
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East China Normal University
SOUTH AFRICA
Study Away
Stellenbosch University
NEW ZEALAND
Study Away
Victoria University at Wellington
Study Away
Global travel course
Research trip
Service project
Pilgrimage
Alum trip
Faculty exchange

PARIS, FRANCE

A photo odyssey

Takiya Yolanda Coley ’19 MFA whipped out her camera as soon as she saw this gorgeous sunset above the Coley Île de la Citè along the Seine. “I’ve seen lots of sunsets, but none quite as gorgeous as this. The way it lit the water and the sky was magical,” says Coley, a graduate photography student who was in Paris this June for a five-week study abroad course led by MFA instructor Christopher Broughton. The global travel experience was a first for the MFA in Film, Television & Photography program.

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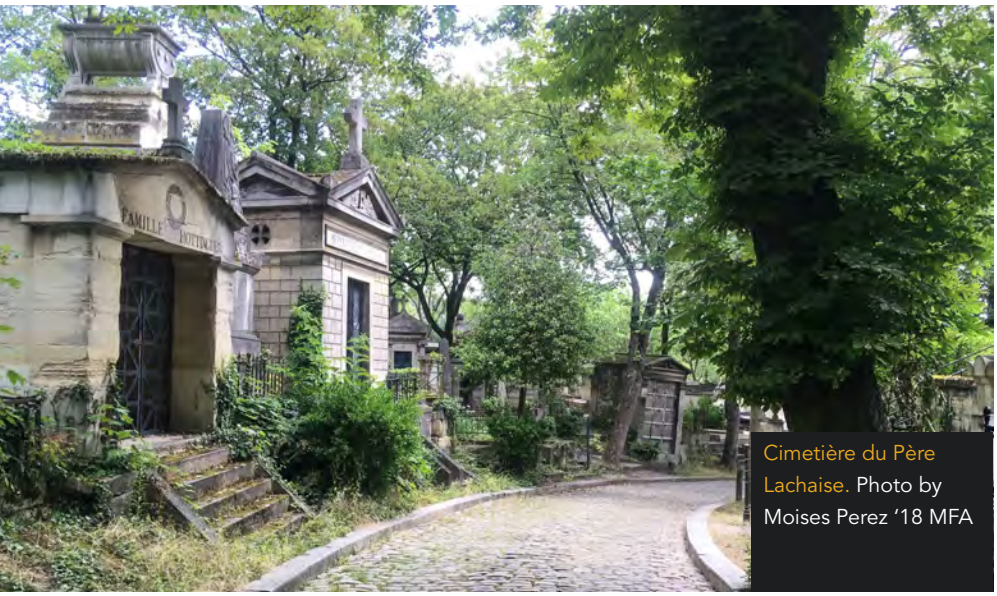
World Cup victory, Arc de Triomphe. Photo by Christopher Broughton, instructor



Cimetière du Père Lachaise. Photo by Moises Perez '18 MFA

Basilique du Sacre-Coeur de Montmartre. Photo by Martin Urrutia '19 MFA

Sharon Cleveland Blount '18 MFA in Cartagena, Colombia.

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

A writer's retreat

FOR THREE WEEKS, a day in class involved listening to a lecture held in a room with large windows overlooking the Caribbean Sea, followed by hours of uninterrupted writing stirred by the beauty of the city that inspired the haunting works of Gabriel García Márquez. For the MFA in Creative Writing students who spent most of June in the Cartagena de Indias of Colombia, the experience was as magical as a García Márquez novel and as eye-opening as a powerful *crónica*.

The special Study Abroad program this summer took MFA students to one of the most historically significant cities in the Americas to study the genre of magical realism through the words of García Márquez, a course taught by Colombian novelist Margarita Borrero. A second course focused on the history of *crónicas*, the Latin American tradition of nonfiction, taught by nonfiction writer Lisa Fetchko.

"This course and study abroad experiential opportunity showed me what it is to live completely as a writer for three weeks," says Sharon Cleveland Blount '18 MFA. "My mind was clear, my imagination was allowed to wander and drift into areas that allowed for expansion and creativity in my writing. I was focused. I was there for a reason and I wrote."

— Pia Orense '15

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BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA

Exploring ‘privilege and poverty’

Global immersion course an eye-opener for Honors scholars

By Tamara Murga ’16

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA, Mariana Porras ’18 says it made her feel “new.” After exploring two countries over the span of 10 days through an analytical lens, the 20 other students and alumnae who accompanied her would easily relate.

“My trip to these distant places unlocked a part of me that I’ve never known to exist,” says Porras. “Returning home, I am new.”

Since 2011, Michelle Melendres ’03, PhD, associate professor and director of the Honors program, has taken traditional undergraduate students and Honors scholars on global immersion trips. Along with coursework, the experience enables students to dive deep into different aspects of a country, such as its culture, through a series of research assignments under one theme. In past years, students have traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, and multiple countries in Europe.

This May, Porras and her peers explored the theme of “privilege and poverty” as it related to Brazil and Argentina. Scholars examined the contrast between the rich and the poor in different cities and how this impacted its citizens.

Their quest began in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The class divisions they had read about were thrown in stark relief as they journeyed through the

Honors scholars and alums Samantha Vasquez '21, Mariana Porras '18, Isabel Villarreal '20 and Stephanie Tuazon '13 in Rio de Janeiro.

municipality: a sea of broken windows and lack of electricity alongside the mountains, juxtaposed by lavish restaurants and elaborate structures down below.

"This observation allowed me to further understand the complex contrasts between privilege and poverty," says Porras. "It allowed me to reflect about some of the things I take for granted that others may identify as necessities for daily living."

The group's explorations were not limited to the streets of Rio de Janeiro. The scholars ascended to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain — the peak of Guanabara Bay in Rio that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean — via a glass-sided cable car. Melendres and her students also scored a ride on a cogwheel train up the Corcovado Mountain to see the famed Christ the Redeemer statue and indulge in a breathtaking view of the city.

The group then headed south to Buenos Aires, Argentina. There, the students saw concrete scenarios of what they had researched beforehand: To what extent does privilege benefit a community? For example, a visit to La Recoleta Cemetery — labeled as one of the best and most beautiful cemeteries in the world — showed how wealth could guarantee an extravagant place to lay a loved one to rest. Meanwhile, in the downtown areas, local educators protested for equal pay and higher salaries amid national inflation and a devaluing *peso*.

"In addition to all the amazing sights we have been able to visit, we were also fortunate to witness the mobilizing of people and activism for social justice and social change," Melendres wrote on the Honors program's Instagram account, her post accompanied by a photo of the demonstration in the streets.

Throughout the 10-day trip, scholars reflected on privileges within their own lives, many sharing that being a first-generation college student can be considered a privilege.

"Privilege is, as a first-generation student, the opportunity to gain travel knowledge and skills that promote my independence," Porras says.

Next year, Melendres will embark on yet another global immersion trip with a new class. The 2019 journey, slated to take place in Norway, Denmark and Sweden, will explore social behavior.

My trip to these distant places unlocked a part of me that I've never known to exist. — *Mariana Porras '18*

MEXICO BORDER

Into the divide

Students get firsthand perspective on the immigrant and refugee experience

By Phillip Jordan

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, the parents of Susan Cacique '19 journeyed northward, by foot, across the Mexico-U.S. border in search of a safer, healthier life for themselves and for their future children. Since then, her parents have received U.S. resident status, earned a living working in warehouses and packaging facilities, and raised four daughters in Pomona, Calif.

Over the years, Cacique — a senior psychology major — has heard her parents describe the dangers they encountered as they crossed the inhospitable desert landscape spanning the neighboring countries. This past spring, those scenes sprang to life before her in stark, sun-scorched, sand-brown color.

In March 2018, Cacique was one of 10 Athenians selected to join an alternative spring break mission to the border between California and Mexico's Baja California. Organized by the University's Community Engagement team, the expedition gave students a chance to volunteer with Border Angels, a San Diego-based nonprofit that advocates for humane immigration reform and offers humanitarian aid and other services to immigrant and refugee communities.

The students hiked well-traveled migration routes near the border to perform "water drops" — stashing jugs of water in the spindly scrub that dots the arid landscape, in hopes that the water would

Susan Cacique '19 carries a gallon of water in a well-traveled migration route near the Mexico-U.S. border during an alternative spring break service trip in March.

provide life-saving sustenance for those attempting to traverse the unforgiving borderland. The group also visited a dirt-field pauper's cemetery in Holtville, Calif., which holds the remains of hundreds of unidentified migrants who succumbed to thirst, heat or violence in their attempt to begin life anew in the United States.

"When we walked up to the border, there was a range of emotions that came over me," Cacique says. "I was grateful. Grateful for the sacrifices my family made for my sisters and me, and grateful that my family was not among those laid to rest in those unmarked graves."

This was the fourth alternative spring break mission organized by Mount Saint Mary's, and the first to focus on immigration.

"This is such an important issue to our campus community," says Kim Terrill, director of community engagement. "This was an emotional trip. There were lots of tears shed. The majority of our students at the Mount are first-generation college students and many of them are the daughters of immigrants, or are DREAM Act and DACA students."

Athenians on the trip also visited with day laborers in San Diego, bringing them sandwiches and hygiene kits; traveled to Friendship Park, where families separated by the border meet on either side of a heavily patrolled, mesh-metal fence that runs 300 feet into the Pacific Ocean; and met with local government officials to discuss the effect that immigration policies have on families and communities on both sides of the border.

After returning to the Mount, students gave presentations on campus and shared photos, videos and insights from their experience.

"This has inspired me to do more, to go back and do more water drops, to inform people of their rights, and to educate others on what they can do to help and to fight for immigrants' rights," Cacique says.

For Terrill, stirring that depth of passion was the goal.

"My hope was that they would go home and tell their family, friends and colleagues about what they learned," she says. "Raise awareness. Empower people to take notice and get involved."

Daisy Cruz '20 and Caitlyn Keeve '20

LE PUY, FRANCE

Life-changing moments

THE PILGRIMAGE TO LE PUY, FRANCE, to walk in the footsteps of the University's founders was a lesson in generosity, resilience and friendships.

Daisy Cruz '20 and Caitlyn Keeve '20 joined a summer tour hosted by the Association of Colleges of the Sisters of St. Joseph (ACSSJ).

"This trip deepened my understanding of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and created friendships with the other CSJ schools that will last forever. It was incredible to walk the same steps as our founding CSJs, and we left knowing that Le Puy is our second home," says Cruz, a student leader in Campus Ministry.

Keeve, a leadership scholar, agrees. "I have gained a wonderful sense of courage and excitement to stand up for justice, just as the sisters did at the start of their journey; strengthened by their faith in God and trust in each other," she says.

On a separate trip, President Ann McElaney-Johnson led faculty, staff and friends of the University on the CSJ Institute's third annual summer pilgrimage to Le Puy.

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PROFILE OF PHILANTHROPY: DAVID BURKITT '97

Teaching value of giving to the next generation

IN ONE OF HIS FAVORITE COURSES as a Weekend/Evening College (WEC) student, David Burkitt '97, PhD, learned a life-changing way of thinking: The past created today, today creates tomorrow.

He knows this concept well. His time as an undergraduate at the Mount while already working professionally opened new doors for him in his career. Now, as the director of the Mount's master of business administration (MBA) program, he's hoping he can, in turn, help influence the future of many of his students.

"Going to the Mount was the best decision I have ever made regarding my self-improvement, education and career advancement," says Burkitt, associate professor who also teaches business courses in the WEC and health policy and management graduate programs.

Armed with his Mount degree, which was quickly followed by an MBA and doctorate in leadership and organization development from Regent University, Burkitt rose to top-level executive positions, including national controller for the American Youth Soccer Organization's Los Angeles branch and chief financial officer for Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles.

Burkitt is a firm believer in giving to the community, something he learned from his parents who were both great influences in his life and from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

"Each generation has the ability and responsibility to empower the next to learn the value of giving," he says.

He volunteers his time and talent to organizations that reflect his values, serving on the finance committee of Our Mother of Good Counsel in Los Angeles, and as chair of the family council at St. Joseph's Home in Springfield, Ill.

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David Burkitt '97, PhD

While earning his bachelor's degree through WEC, he took advantage of Study Away program opportunities that took him to China, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. He strongly encourages his students to do the same.

"Those experiences, along with my classroom learning, were all part of my excellent education at the Mount," he says. "Which is why, as a current faculty and alum, I have included the Mount in my estate plans, in order to provide for our students in the future."

PROFILE OF PHILANTHROPY: CAROL GIBSON '72

Making a difference through education

GROWING UP IN A MILITARY FAMILY, moving every few years was the norm for Carol Gibson '72. Her family lived in various states and also spent time in France and Japan. Altogether, she attended 11 different schools from kindergarten through high school. Attending the Mount gave her the first chance to stay in one educational setting for four years — the longest she ever spent at any school.

The Mount and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) gave Gibson not just a sense of stability but also provided a constant source of encouragement and support.

"The sisters knew who I was and wanted me to be successful," Gibson says of the CSJs who mentored and taught her during her undergraduate years. They also instilled in her the belief that she has the ability, skills and responsibility to make a difference.

Years after earning her bachelor's degree in French, Gibson enrolled in the teaching credential program on the Doheny Campus while working at Columbus Elementary School in the Glendale Unified School District. She later earned a master's degree in reading and language arts from California State University, Los Angeles.

"Teaching was the way I could make a difference in students' lives and motivate them to continue their own education," she says.

She retired from teaching four years ago but continues to help others learn. She volunteers as a one-on-one tutor at the Glendale Central Library, working with adults who want to improve their literacy

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Carol Gibson ’72

skills or become more fluent in English.

She is also making a difference for future generations of students by supporting the Sr. Rose Bernard McCabe scholarship through her estate plans. She wants to do her part and ensure that others will have the same kind of financial assistance she received while she was a student at the Mount.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Every gift begins with an important question: How can I make a difference? If you have any questions about leaving a gift in your will to Mount Saint Mary’s University, please contact Maria Solano at 213.477.2536 or msolano@msmu.edu.

An Unstoppable Campaign FOR MOUNT SAINT MARY’S UNIVERSITY

Our campaign continues to be successful thanks to our alumnae and friends. We are proud to announce that we are 83% to goal!

Funding Progress

as of July 2018

83%
to $100 million goal

$82,604,818
Raised to date

During the campaign you may wish to continue your annual support, pledge an increased amount over several years to fund an area of your interest, or leave a legacy at the Mount by including the University in your estate plans.

Campaign funding will allow us to:

- Increase scholarship support.
- Expand academic programs and further research.
- Increase the number of students who study abroad.
- Build a new state-of-the-art Wellness Pavilion.
- Support the CSJ Institute and the Center for the Advancement of Women.

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A planned gift, made through an estate plan, ensures future support for the University.

Planned gifts designed to support academic areas, endow scholarships, or provide general resources to the Mount guarantee students will continue to receive a transformational education at our University for many years to come.

The Fund for the Future, a special initiative of the campaign, has a goal of $40 million in declared planned gifts. When you notify us of your intentions, we count your gift towards the campaign and invite you to join fellow visionary alumnae and friends as a member of the Heritage Society.

77%
to $40 million goal

$30.9 million
Raised to Date

To learn more, go to **msmu.edu/campaign**

VOLUNTEER: Alums share their experiences with the Mount's incoming first-year students during Orientation Days.

WELLNESS MOVEMENT: The Wellness Pavilion at Chalon will house new health, fitness and sports programs.

GET INVOLVED AT THE MOUNT

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. We invite you to join us. Mount supporters are able to make a difference in the lives of current students. How? Let us count the ways…

VOLUNTEER

MSMU Alumnae

Do you have a little extra time and a lot of affection for Mount Saint Mary's? Become a volunteer — we can always use an extra hand!

- Tutor current students in writing or math;
- Become a Mount Alums social media ambassador;
- Volunteer at the annual President's Invitation to Serve;
- Review resumes and do mock interviews for Career Services;
- Interview prospective students for Admissions;
- Serve as a reunion class ambassador;
- And more!

Please contact Kate Fergusson, director of alumnae relations and volunteer engagement, at kfergusson@msmu.edu or 213.477.2512. Or visit alums.msmu.edu/volunteer to learn more.

Doheny Mansion Docent

Docents plan, lead and assist in public and private tours of the Mansion. This opportunity is open to alumnae, students and friends of the University. We provide training to help docents build the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to be successful! Contact Mary Sloper at 310.373.2874 or msloper@msmu.edu to learn more.

SUPPORT

The Wellness Movement

Mount Saint Mary's University has created a comprehensive wellness initiative centered on the principles of inclusion, empowerment and personal wellbeing. The new Wellness Pavilion will house special programs for healthy nutrition, physical activity, sleep health and stress reduction — everything our students need to master the art of living well. Visit msmu.edu/wellness to learn more.

Mount Fund & Mount Associates

Annual contributions to the Mount Fund, the annual fund at Mount Saint Mary's, provide funding that directly supports our students and faculty. Your support makes a difference and every gift counts!

Contributors of $1,000 or greater annually are recognized as Mount Associate members and receive invitations to an annual luncheon hosted by the president. Visit msmu.edu/support to learn more.

Regents Council

Members of the Regents Council volunteer to serve as ambassadors in the community. Council members pledge $2,500 or greater and attend meetings twice annually to meet key faculty and staff, and learn about University initiatives and activities.

The Heritage Society & Planned Giving

The Heritage Society, established in 1992, is comprised of alumnae, friends, faculty and staff who have made plans to provide future support for the University. Notify us now of a planned gift and enjoy the benefits of joining the Heritage Society! Visit msmu.edu/plannedgiving to learn more.

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Those who support the Mount are recognized in the annual President's Report & Honor Roll of Donors, receive the Mount Magazine, and are invited to attend special activities and events throughout the year. Please contact Megan Shockro, senior director of development, at 213.477.2875 or mshockro@msmu.edu to learn more.

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Striving for excellence

Perseverance, compassion and resilience. These are the traits that we will honor at Homecoming 2018 in this year's Outstanding Alumnae Award recipients.

By Anissa V. Rivera

2018 HOMECOMING & REUNIONS

October 13 Chalon Campus

Founders Day Mass
Golden Grad Society Induction
Fall Harvest Luncheon
Outstanding Alumnae Awards
Exploring L.A.: Malibu Wines (elective)
Meet the Archivist (elective)

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PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Almost 40 years after graduating from Mount Saint Mary's, a STEM major's heart still beats strong for the sciences.

Chamelli Jhappan '79, this year's Outstanding Alumna for Professional Achievement, is a National Cancer Institute (NCI) program director at the National Institutes of Health. At NCI, she supports and helps manage government funding of cancer research in labs around the country.

At the Mount, she majored in biochemistry and minored in computer science. After earning her PhD from Georgetown University, she completed postdoctoral studies at the NCI in Bethesda, Md., which led to a productive career with the federal government's principal cancer research agency.

Jhappan said her self-confidence grew at the Mount.

"I remember that I had absolutely no qualms about raising my hand in science classes to ask questions, to say I didn't understand," she says. "I attributed that fearlessness to the fact that I was surrounded by other women and we believed we could be anything we wanted to be, and that was a pretty powerful feeling."

Finding one's passion is a lesson she shares with young women in STEM.

"Don't shy away from interning in a Jet Propulsion Lab or taking a class in coding or moving to Uganda to study the mating habits of gorillas," she advises. "You're going to find your passion in science by stepping out of your comfort zone. Don't be dissuaded by experiments that don't work, or that math test you did badly in. (These) difficulties pass and you forget about how awful it was. Just hang in there when you've found that area of science that you love."

Perseverance is a lesson Jhappan learned both as a scientist looking for improved ways to treat cancer and as a cancer patient.

"I'm a cancer survivor who went through a rough few years being treated with radiation while having two little boys at home," she says. "It was a tough time, but what I learnt from those years was that the choice I made to pursue a career in cancer research was going to be worth it. Keeping it all in perspective has been so important.

"Cures don't come overnight," she adds. "It takes an entire village of scientists to keep building on discoveries previously made by other scientists who preceded us. We simply must have to keep showing up and trying. Before we know it, we've made giant leaps forward."

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Given the chance to make a difference, **Natalie (Harris) Martinez '79** shows up. At work, she tends to children and their families. Then, in the poorest parts of the poorest countries, she carries on her shoulders not only the weight of others' needs, but also a hopeful faith.

She calls it a heart on fire for missions.

Martinez, a registered nurse and pediatric nurse practitioner at Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group in San Diego, is being honored as an Outstanding Alumna for service to the community.

Since 2000, she and her husband Al have volunteered with the nonprofit Project Compassion, a nondenominational Christian group that provides medical, dental and vision care to the poor.

On her first mission, she helped 250 people a day in Oaxaca, Mexico.

PHOTO BY DAVID POLLER

"I was nervous treating diagnoses I wasn't familiar with like parasites, tropical skin problems and adult disorders, but we had a good mentor who was a local doctor and we made it through," she says. "We had brought a small bag of toys for the children and miraculously those toys lasted all four days of the clinic with hundreds of children seen!"

She and her husband have since traveled to different parts of Mexico, Panama, Romania, Ecuador and Honduras. This summer, she served in Uganda.

The couple also volunteers with groups that build homes for and feed the needy. They serve in their church health ministry, sponsor a nursing student in Haiti and fund

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the education of two teenage girls in Uganda through Alliance for Africa.

Her philanthropy stems from always striving for excellence, something she learned at the Mount.

"I was privileged to be part of the first year of the Women's Leadership program, which really helped me become a leader," Martinez says. "Success for me is doing the best job that God has called me to do every day."

RISING STAR

▲ **Zaira Cedano '14** is young and a Latina. She is also executive director of the Republican Party of Los Angeles County, the youngest leader of a county party in California.

Cedano, who earned her bachelor's degree in political science and master's in health policy and management from the Mount, says criticism of her age, gender and ethnicity only spur her on.

"To those who only identify me as a 'young Hispanic woman' and don't take into account the hard work it took me to get here, I say I am more than just identity politics," she says. "I am working hard for the sake of my party and community."

That strong work ethic came from her parents, who raised Cedano in a household where politics was always discussed. Her parents' credo, "Work hard toward your goals because nothing is handed to you," remains a pillar in her own life.

Cedano's first foray into the political arena came in 2010, volunteering in Meg Whitman's campaign for California governor.

"Seeing a strong-minded, passionate businesswoman run for governor inspired me. I thought to myself, 'Whoa! This is what my parents talk about, hard-working and passionate, that could be me,'" Cedano says.

Since then, Cedano has worked in various campaigns for state and local candidates.

What she loves most about her work is taking part in local politics and being involved in her community through registering voters, helping clubs, raising funds and staffing new citizen ceremonies.

She remains connected to the support system she found at the Mount, including her professors and classmates who taught her respect and open-mindedness.

"Being surrounded by strong, independent women who empower one another is what this community is really about," Cedano says. "(They) are so driven and passionate about changing the world one step at a time, they represent (what we) are capable of if we all came together."

In the end, she says the only measure of her success will be the positive impact she makes in the city of her birth.

From the Bay Area, with love

The Bay Area summer send-off has turned into a popular and cherished tradition for our alums. For the second year in a row, the Bay Area alum community has hosted a gathering for the Mount's incoming first-year students who live in Northern California before they head down to Los Angeles for the start of their college lives. This year's event was held on Aug. 5 in the home of Alison Riggs '56.

ALUM GATHERINGS

▶Weekend/Evening College alums gathered on a Sunday afternoon in the home of Jane Harris Nadeau '98.

▼Combining a reunion and an information session, master of science in nursing (MSN) alums met at the Doheny Campus on July 14 to reconnect and to celebrate the Mount's new hybrid MSN program.

SAVE THE DATE

Mount Alums Seattle Brunch
Sept. 9
Seattle, Wash.
Join Mount Alums and friends in the Seattle metropolitan area for an Italian-inspired brunch at Tulio from 1-3 p.m. Meet local alums and hear about the latest initiatives at the Mount!

Homecoming & Reunions 2018
Oct. 13
Chalon Campus
We encourage all alums, family, and friends to attend and help us honor the classes of '43, '48, '53 ,'58, '63 ,'68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08 and '13.

President's Invitation to Serve
Nov. 3
Alum projects in Los Angeles; Bay Area; Orange County, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; and Phoenix, Ariz.
Every year, the Mount community participates in a day of service.

Jump-start your Wellness in 2019!
January 26, 2019
Doheny Campus, Amat House
Join Mount alums and friends to learn how to calm your mind and balance your life in the new year.

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For more information on any of these events, visit alums.msmu.edu/events or email alums@msmu.edu.

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Alum on the case

THERE'S NOT MUCH THAT BARBARA S. JONES '68 hasn't seen in her legal career. She served for 17 years as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, presiding over cases relating to securities fraud, antitrust, corruption, labor racketeering and terrorism. Recently Jones has been called out of retirement to serve as "special master" in a high-profile federal case.

Jones retired from the court in 2013 to pursue private practice, but on April 26 she was appointed "special master" in the case the federal government is bringing against Michael Cohen, an attorney who worked for U.S. President Donald Trump and is under investigation for possible bank and wire fraud and campaign finance violations.

Jones' role has been to ensure that proper procedure is being followed in this complex, highly charged case. She will also help decide which materials seized by the government in the case against Cohen are protected by attorney-client privilege.

Jones earned her bachelor's degree in political science from the Mount and went on to receive her JD from Temple University School of Law. She began her career as a special attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Racketeering Criminal Division. She later served 10 years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York, rising to become chief of both the General Crimes Unit and the Organized Crime Unit in the district.

A warm welcome

It's never too early to let students know about the Alumnae Association! For the second year in a row, alums helped welcome incoming first-year students to both campuses during Orientation on June 22 (Chalon) and July 20 (Doheny). They shared memories of their time at the Mount, gave advice, and encouraged the newest Athenians to get involved in the many activities on campus.

CLASS NOTES

1958 **Paula (Duncan) McDonald** has released her second novel "However Dim the Light," which is available for purchase on Amazon. She shares that although many of the characters were previously introduced in her first novel, "The Middle of Nowhere," the new publication is not a sequel.

1960 **Marilyn (Nagel) Brassor** is proud to report that the Arizona alumnae group is alive and well, thanks to the efforts of regional ambassador, Danielle (Batol) Steele '08! Marilyn has attended two of the group's recent gatherings and encourages other Arizona alums to join upcoming events.

1972 **Catherine Rossi** has officially retired from her teaching job. She now looks forward to new adventures, more travel and photography opportunities.

1982 **Pamela (Parsons) Brannon** is working part time as an educator at Dignity Health Home Health & Hospice in Santa Maria, Calif. She is happy to be the grandmother of three granddaughters.

1998 **Regina Pontes** has recently published her book, "Perseverance is Key!: Unlocking the Internal Power of You." Her latest work outlines her struggle through four cancers and other health issues and how faith played an integral part in her recovery. The book is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble.

Patricia (Espinoza) Fernandez, PhD, was appointed director of student support by the Lakeside Union School District in July. She is also an instructor at United States University in Cypress, Calif. She volunteers with MANA de San Diego as a Hermanita youth mentor. Patricia is volunteering as a reunion class ambassador and encourages all alumnae to attend this fall's Homecoming, themed "Fall Back in Love with the Mount!"

2017 **Henry Bouchot**, MBA, defeated a longtime incumbent for a seat on the Whittier City Council in Southern California during the April 10 elections. This was his first time running for public office but he is not a novice to public service. He is a former U.S. Marine captain who served in Afghanistan. He also previously served Whittier as a social services commissioner.

IN MEMORIAM

'46 Mary (Needels) Block
'49 Patricia (Campbell) Ninnis
'51 Corinne Cunningham
'51 Kathleen (O'Connor) Moran
'53 Gloria (Will) Napoli
'57 Husband of Mary Ann (Odell) McEveety
'58 Husband of Mary Alice (Salter) Ambrose
'58 Son of Mary (Cramer) Franco
'58 Husband of Carron (Vincent) Maxwell
'59 Husband of Paula (Duncan) McDonald
'61 Husband of Elizabeth (Fleming) Donovan
'62 Husband of Emma (Hamilton) Curran
'62 Husband of Michele (Connors) Bouchard
'63 Lu Anne Vonder Kuhlen
'63 Husband of Ingrid (Steinwasser) Weissmuller
'65 Joanne (Palmer) Currie
'68 Enriqueta Del Pino
'69 Jeremiah Murphy
'69 Eileen (McAllen) Tokar
'69 Beverly Opsitnick Yocum
'73 Husband of Angela (Kucia) Samstag

Remembrances

Sr. Mary Brigid Fitzpatrick '47, CSJ
Trustee emerita
1921-2018

Sr. Mary Brigid Fitzpatrick, CSJ, graduated from Mount Saint Mary's in 1947 with a degree in social welfare. She served at the Mount from the 1950s through the 1980s in various positions — faculty member, director of the Doheny Campus, graduate dean, and associate director of advising. She also served on the Mount's board of trustees.

John Sullivan
Trustee emeritus and regent
1926-2018

John Sullivan was a well-known and highly respected commercial mortgage banker in Southern California. He was one of Mount Saint Mary's earliest regents, joining the Regents Council in 1982 and serving as its chair from 1993-1995. In 1995, he became a member of the Board of Trustees and served for four years. He then rejoined the Regents Council with his wife Gail and they established the John and Gail Sullivan Endowed Scholarship in 2004.

Karl H. Loring
Former trustee, regent-in-perpetuity
1923-2018

Karl H. Loring was a former Mount trustee, regent, charter life member of the Mount Associates and member of the University's Heritage Society. He established the Loring-Denault Endowed Chair in Chemistry, currently held by Eric Stemp, PhD, and purchased new equipment for the biology lab. To honor his longtime companion who graduated from the Mount with a degree in chemistry, he created the Genevieve Castellanos Denault Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will support chemistry and biochemistry students for years to come. In 2015, he was bestowed the title of regent-in-perpetuity for his distinguished service and support to the Mount.

Mari Wadsworth
Associate vice president for student affairs
1960-2018

Mari Wadsworth first came to Mount Saint Mary's in 1982 as director of athletics and went on to serve as director of residence life before becoming associate vice president for student affairs, a position she held for more than 25 years before her retirement last December. She earned her master of science degree at Ohio State University, then served as the assistant volleyball coach at Virginia Commonwealth University for two years. She earned her doctorate at UCLA.

Doheny Student Body President Julie Giordano, left, folds a tablecloth following a Doheny Day reception and lecture on Nov. 3, 1964. Doheny Day, which included a Requiem Mass at St. Vincent's Church, was held annually at the Doheny Campus to mark the anniversary of the death of Countess Estelle Doheny, right, on October 30, 1958.

Remembering Mrs. Doheny

OCT. 30, 2018, MARKS 60 YEARS since the passing of Estelle Doheny, the Mount's most generous and enduring benefactor in the University's 93-year history.

Among the wealthiest women in the world, Mrs. Doheny chose to leave much of her fortune to support education, especially Catholic education. The best way to accomplish it was something to which she gave a lot of thought toward the end of her life.

According to her longtime secretary, Lucille Miller, the most difficult decision was what to do with her beloved Chester Place, her home for more than six decades. After a certain amount of agonizing and prayer, Mrs. Doheny decided to bequeath it to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, whose powerful head, Cardinal James Francis McIntyre, was a good friend.

Cardinal McIntyre was in Rome two years later when Mrs. Doheny died on Oct. 30, and had to leave the funeral details to his auxiliary bishop Timothy Manning in November. "It was beautifully carried out," Manning wrote to McIntyre afterward. Mrs. Doheny "laid in state at her home… Over 600 Sisters paid their respects to her remains and the Rosary was said uninterruptedly" for two days. More than 1,200 people attended the funeral in St. Vincent's Church.

Almost immediately, Mrs. Doheny's mansion, No. 8 Chester Place, was turned over to the CSJs. The Mount's Downtown Campus opened in September 1962, and the anniversary of Mrs. Doheny's death was marked with an annual Doheny Day mass. In gratitude for the gift, Downtown Campus was rechristened the Doheny Campus in 1970.

— Victoria McCargar, University archivist

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INVITATION TO SERVE

Clean up the beach, pack food and sort clothes for the needy, take care of abandoned animals, or serve meals at a soup kitchen. For one extraordinary day each year, the Mount community comes together to "serve the dear neighbor" in answer to the President's Invitation to Serve. Students, faculty, staff, alums and friends of the University are invited to join this year's day of service, to be held on Nov. 3. Volunteers will help at various organizations throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties, plus at satellite sites in Northern California, Seattle, Wash., and Phoeniz, Ariz.
msmu.edu/invitationtoserve

Upcoming

Sept. 15

"Responding to the Call: Leading in Times of Change," Women's Leadership Conference, Chalon Campus. msmu.edu/wlc

Sept. 22

Concerto Competition for High School Students, Chalon Campus

Oct. 13

Homecoming & Reunions 2018, Chalon Campus alums.msmu.edu

Oct. 20-21

"Borders of Performance," annual Writers Conference sponsored by the MFA in Creative Writing program, Doheny Campus

Oct. 27

MSMU Orchestra Festival, Chalon Campus

Nov. 3

President's Invitation to Serve. msmu.edu/invitationtoserve

Nov. 30

Carol Concert, Chalon Campus

Dec. 2

Christmas Magic at the Mansion, Doheny Campus